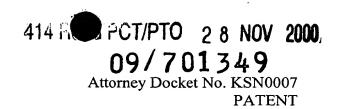
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Appli		herewith submits to the United Sta	tes Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) th	ne following items and other information:						
1.	×	This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.								
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3.		This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).								
4.	X	A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.								
5.	\boxtimes	A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (2))								
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7.	×	A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).								
8.		A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))								
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9.		A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).								
10.	\boxtimes	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)). — unexecuted								
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13.		An Information Disclosure State	ement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.							
14.		An assignment document for rec	ording. A separate cover sheet in compliance	with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.						
15.	\boxtimes	A FIRST preliminary amendmen	nt.							
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned hereby certifies that the following have been served upon the Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks by depositing the same in the United States mail, via Express Mail No. EK862 793 514 US this 28th day of November 2000.

- Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office Concerning a (1) Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371;
- (2) Translation of International Application into English (10 Pages);
- (3) Drawings (3 Sheets);
- Copy of the International Publication, including International Search Report; (4)
- Copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report; (5)
- English Translation of the Annexes to the Preliminary Examination Report (2 pages); (6)
- Five (5) Copies of the Notification of the Recording of a Change; (6)
- Preliminary Amendment (5 pages); **(7)**
- (8) Declaration and Power of Attorney (unexecuted)
- Check in the amount of \$860.00 representing the requisite filing fee. (9)

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